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EXDIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE ONLY

FOL REPEAT CANBERRA 7291 ACTION SECSTATE DTD 19 OCT.

QUOTE

S E C R E T CANBERRA 7291

EXDIS

PERSONAL, EYES ONLY FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM  
AMBASSADOR ALSTON

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AS, US

SUBJ: MESSAGE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

REF: CANBERRA 7290

1. DICK: I HAVE TODAY SENT REFTEL (NODIS) TO SECRETARY  
VANCE, WITH THE REQUEST THAT HE PASS IT TO PRESIDENT CARTER,  
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AND DR. BRZEZINSKI. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SEEN IT, I AM  
SURE MR. TARNOOF WILL SHARE IT WITH YOU.

2. THE MESSAGE IS SELF-EXPLANATORY, BUT I WANTED TO EM-  
PHASIZE TO YOU -- SINCE I KNOW YOU WILL BE BEARING THE  
BURDEN OF PUTTING TOGETHER THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS  
WHEN PLANNING FOR A VISIT BY PRESIDENT CARTER GETS UNDER-

WAY -- HOW STRONGLY I FEEL THAT AUSTRALIA MUST BE INCLUDED  
IN THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST VISIT TO THE PACIFIC.

3. THE UNITED STATES HAS SIMPLY NEGLECTED AUSTRALIA, AT A  
PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL, TOO LONG. AND THE AUSTRALIANS  
HAVE NOT FAILED TO NOTICE, EVEN THOUGH IT HAS NOT YET  
SHOWN UP IN ANY OF THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARDS US. IT IS  
REALLY MORE A CASE OF DOING WHAT IS RIGHT BY THEM,  
THAN MERELY A MATTER OF POLITICAL EXPEDIENCE.

4. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT, AND I WANTED  
TO SHARE MY THINKING WITH YOU FROM THE FIRST.  
ALSTON

UNQUOTE VANCE

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